

ARKANSAS BROILER HATCHERY



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ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS DOWN 3 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

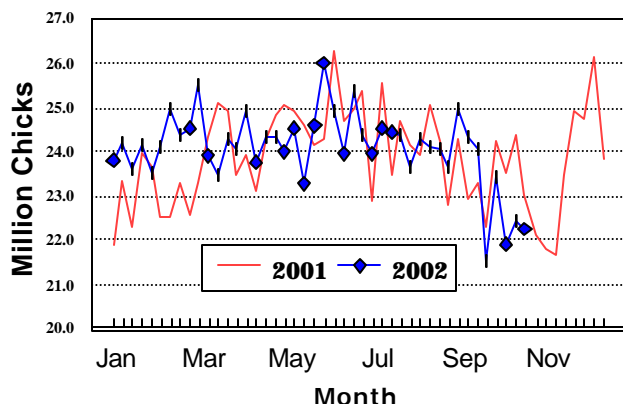
Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas was 22.2 million during the week ending November 2, 2002. Placements were down 3 percent from the comparable week in 2001, and down 1 percent from the previous week, and included 2.5 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2001 through November 2, 2002 were 1.06 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type chicks hatched for the week was 23.2 million, down 6 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, but up slightly from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 3.0 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 81.6 percent.

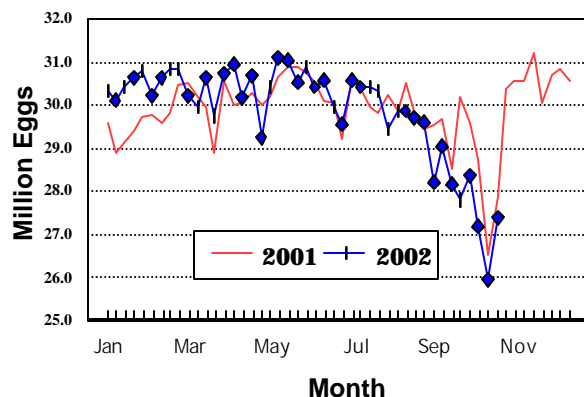
Arkansas hatcheries set 27.4 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending November 2, 2002, down 2 percent from the same period last year, but up 6 percent from the previous week.

Week Ending	NET PLACEMENTS			CHICKS HATCHED			EGGS SET		
	2001	2002	% Change	2001	2002	% Change	2001	2002	% Change
	<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>		
Sep. 28	23,268	24,044	103	24,447	24,459	100	28,546	28,177	99
Oct. 5	22,290	21,555	97	24,395	23,261	95	30,178	27,810	92
Oct. 12	24,248	23,404	97	24,607	24,017	98	29,619	28,385	96
Oct. 19	23,536	21,930	93	23,599	23,275	99	28,743	27,187	95
Oct. 26	24,413	22,466	92	24,950	23,102	93	26,510	25,951	98
Nov. 2	23,027	22,239	97	24,599	23,169	94	27,837	27,411	98

CHICKS PLACED IN ARKANSAS, 2001-2002



EGGS SET, 2001 - 2002



BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 19 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2002

STATE	EGGS SET (in Thousands)					CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands)						
	Week Ending				1/	Week Ending						1/
	12-Oct	19-Oct	26-Oct	02-Nov	%	28-Sep	05-Oct	12-Oct	19-Oct	26-Oct	02-Nov	%
Alabama	27,187 *	26,294	26,230	26,808	99	21,738	20,473	21,008	21,211	21,060	20,531	98
ARKANSAS	28,385	27,187	25,951	27,411	98	24,044	21,555	23,404	21,930	22,466	22,239	97
Delaware	3,293	3,292	3,089	3,678	100	4,541	5,255	4,781	4,521	4,637	5,252	112
Florida	2,130	2,324	2,250	2,296	98	2,110	2,328	1,939	2,027	2,017	2,071	90
Georgia	29,817 *	28,020	27,372 *	28,721	98	26,275	23,625	24,663	23,021	23,892 *	23,910	96
Kentucky	5,542 *	5,148	5,546 *	6,006	96	5,039	5,052	4,556	5,360	5,076 *	4,508	104
Maryland	9,510	9,317	8,868	9,132	94	5,502	4,934	4,717	5,750	5,861	5,644	105
Mississippi	17,126 *	16,503	15,867	16,098	89	15,348	14,622	14,841	14,650	14,447	14,405	100
N. Carolina	16,651 *	16,933	16,886	17,969	99	14,070	13,357	12,503	13,753	14,065	13,424	98
Oklahoma	6,026	6,249	5,335	5,645	99	3,846	5,470	4,050	3,584	3,135	4,378	96
Pennsylvania	3,414	3,284 *	3,198	3,390	105	2,791	2,621	2,515	2,473 *	2,643	2,407	91
S. Carolina	4,480	4,641	4,206	4,622	98	3,498	3,670	3,636	3,575	4,145	3,579	97
Texas	14,010 *	13,046	12,467	15,097	107	11,883	11,822	10,330	11,894	11,386	11,093	98
Virginia	5,729	5,689	5,593	5,532	91	5,204	4,937	4,701	5,401	4,487	4,618	80
CALAMO,TN,WV	18,452	17,824	18,220	18,603	94	18,866	16,990	16,239	16,161	17,123 *	16,743	92
Total 2002	191,752 *	185,751 *	181,078 *	191,008		164,755	156,711	153,883	155,311 *	156,440 *	154,802	
Total 2001	196,919	189,784	186,671	196,299		160,598	156,354	162,521	163,474	165,891	159,933	
% Prev. Year	97	98	97	97		103	100	95	95	94	97	
Approximate Marketing Date 2002.....						16-Nov	23-Nov	30-Nov	07-Dec	14-Dec	21-Dec	

* Revised . 1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES DOWN 3 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-state weekly program set 191 million eggs during the week ending November 2, 2002. This was down 3 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED DOWN 3 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-state weekly program placed 155 million chicks for meat production during the week ending November 2, 2002. Placements were down 3 percent from the comparable week in 2001. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2001 through November 2, 2002 were 7.38 billion.

The 15 State total was discontinued on May 15, 2002.